

Prosper Citizen Group PAC
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Dr. Holly Ferguson
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Dr. Ferguson,

With all due respect, your report that the two titles below “were previously removed” does not comport with our evidence.

According to our documentation, *Lawn Boy* was still in circulation at Rock Hill and Prosper high schools as of January 24, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. Can you please confirm the date and location(s) of removal, the criteria upon which the removal was deemed the appropriate action and the official findings of your review?

Our records also show that *Gender Queer*, containing pornography, explicit pedophilia, peddling perversion and sexual arousal in comic book style, was in circulation on November 11, 2021 at 10:20 a.m. At that time, the book’s status was “checked out” to a student at Rock Hill. Its circulation was reconfirmed via the Destiny catalog on January 11, 2021. Will you please provide the date and criteria for removal and your final determination on the status of this book per your review findings? This one is particularly concerning, as its contents and availability to minors may constitute a violation of federal anti-grooming statute 18 USCS § 2422, and parents of students who checked this book out while it has been on campus deserve to be notified.

At this point, we are unclear about the review process—e.g. who conducts the reviews, are the concerning titles that may be shelved in class library collections also being removed, who has ultimate authority to remove books immediately without formal review, is the removal temporary or permanent, who is responsible for compliance, etc.

For clarity—in both process and determination— we will follow the protocol you outlined in your first response to the PAC. Therefore, we will resume with re-submissions of the 80+ Reconsideration Requests individually as you suggested. Since accountability and transparency are so important, we respectfully request a written response to each from the District. Concerned parents of PISD students and members of the PAC ask that this response contain a review rubric and the final decision that can be documented on the circulation status of each book in our school libraries.

Prosper parents and taxpayers deserve answers as to how these books arrived on our PISD shelves. There needs to be accountability for the systemic lack of oversight that led to this discovery. As this was just a preliminary search, our concerned parents wonder what can be found upon further investigations. These constituents and PISD parents who fund our schools are asking for a Board Policy outlining a Library Book Vetting procedure, involving parent input to ensure a more transparent process, with built-in accountability. Let’s get this done for the parents of Prosper.

Signed,

Prosper Citizen Group PAC

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